

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-15 (cancelled)

16. (new) A method of storing and dispensing a partial ream of paper, which comprises:

providing a ream wrap having therein a tear tape across the web, so that it surrounds the entire width of a wrapped ream of paper;

pulling the tear tape across the ream wrap, thereby opening a portion of said ream wrap;  
and

removing one sealed end of said ream wrap, wherein the ream wrap that remains is intact for protecting, storing and dispensing the partial ream of paper.

17. (new) The method as recited in claim 16, wherein said tear tape comprises a strip of paper or film that is drawn through or coated with wax.

18. (new) The method as recited in claim 16, wherein said tear tape is  $1/32$ " to  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " in width.

19. (new) The method as recited in claim 16, wherein said tear tape comprises a similar material from which said ream wrap is made.

20. (new) The method as recited in claim 16, wherein said tear tape comprises a non-coated strip of paper or film that is heat-sealed onto said ream wrap.

21. (new) The method as recited in claim 16, wherein said tear tape comprises a strip of high strength polyethylene or polypropylene, with adhesive on one side of the strip.

22. (new) The method as recited in claim 16, wherein said ream wrap comprises plastic film.
23. (new) The method as recited in claim 16, wherein said tear tape is attached by an adhesive.
24. (new) The method as recited in claim 16, wherein said ream wrap has a tear tape on top of said ream wrap, which opens said top of said ream wrap but keeps the integrity of said ream wrap.
25. (new) The method as recited in claim 16, wherein said ream wrap has a tear tape that does not completely remove a section of said ream wrap.
26. (new) A method of opening a wrapped ream of paper, which comprises:
- providing a ream wrap having at least one tear tape therein across the web, so that it surrounds the entire width of the wrapped ream of paper;
- pulling the tear tape across the ream wrap, thereby opening a portion of said ream wrap;
- and
- removing one sealed end of said ream wrap, wherein the ream wrap that remains is intact for protecting, storing and dispensing a partial ream of paper.
27. (new) The method as recited in claim 26, wherein said tear tape comprises a strip of paper or film that is drawn through or coated with wax.
28. (new) The method as recited in claim 26, wherein said tear tape is  $1/32$ " to  $1/2$ " in width.
29. (new) The method as recited in claim 26, wherein said tear tape comprises a similar material from which said ream wrap is made.
30. (new) The method as recited in claim 26, wherein said tear tape comprises a non-coated

strip of paper or film that is heat-sealed onto said ream wrap.

31. (new) The method as recited in claim 26, wherein said tear tape comprises a strip of high strength polyethylene or polypropylene, with adhesive on one side of the strip.

32. (new) The method as recited in claim 26, wherein said ream wrap comprises plastic film.

33. (new) The method as recited in claim 26, wherein said tear tape is attached by an adhesive.

34. (new) The method as recited in claim 26, wherein said ream wrap has a tear tape on top of said ream wrap, which opens said top of said ream wrap but keeps the integrity of said ream wrap.

35. (new) The method as recited in claim 26, wherein said ream wrap has a tear tape that does not completely remove a section of said ream wrap.